

**Notes Parks and Recreation Commission
January 8, 2003**

Attendance: Wright, Mulhern, Waltier, Kellock, Born, Davis
Absent: Manhas, Walsh
Staff: Nesoff
Guests: John and Samantha Gwazdaukas

Meeting called to order by Florence Wright 7:05 PM.

John Gwazdaukas requested that the commission approve placement of a bench that he purchased at Stewardship Foundation auction near the creek lookout at Animal Acres. The bench is a memorial. Mr. G also requested that a bronze antique plaque be placed on the bench. Commissioners agreed as long as it was in conformance with the park standards. The City will purchase the plaque and be reimbursed by Mr. G.

Notes

Approved as read.

Blue Heron/Hamlin Road Bridge

Commissioners felt this is not a parks but a transportation project. There needs to be more preplanning before a feasibility study is commissioned on a bridge at Blue Heron. Doubt was expressed about the practicality of the project.

Upper Horizon View Park

Some ideas for this area include: botanical garden, p-patch, extension of existing walking trail, and open recreation area. Members will take a field trip on Saturday, Jan. 11 to Horizon View and Grace Cole Property.

Art Drinking Fountain at Animal Acres

Commissioners agreed that this may be a good use of public art funds. The Public Art Committee will meet to discuss the potential.

Special Events

There is \$2500 in the budget for special events. This does not include Picnic in the Park. Possibilities may be a concert at Horizon or Animal Acres, movies at Animal Acres. Cmr. Hanagan or Kellock will look into potential bands.

Grace Cole Nature Preserve

Commissioners were asked to reconsider their recommendation for the naming of the Cole Nature Preserve to the Grace Cole Nature Preserve. Funds from the State for the acquisition of the property was given in the name of Grace Cole. The City wants to recognize Grace. Commissioners approved the name "Grace Cole Nature Preserve."

Review Park Standards

- 1.2 Eliminate standard
- 1.3 Replace "standard" with the same or similar
- 2.3 Eliminate "as much as possible"
- 3.5 Eliminate "the Parks Commission will determine the plaque size, placement and statement."

- 1 3.5 Replace “consistent” with made of consistent material.
2 3.6 Change to be: The plaque size for benches and tables will be 4” wide x3 ½ “ tall. Plaques for
3 other structures will be determined by the Parks Commission.
4 6.3 Replace “not” with “no”

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6 Garden Tour

7 Chair Wright reported on the garden tour scheduled for June 21.

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11 Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM